

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

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Title: METHODS FOR  
ELIMINATING FALSE DATA  
FROM COMPARATIVE DATA  
MATRICES AND FOR  
QUANTIFYING DATA  
MATRIX QUALITY

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed September 28, 2006, imposing a restriction requirement on the above-referenced application, Applicant hereby elects linking Claims 1-17 and the claims of Group I, Claims 18-28, for examination, without traverse. However, Applicant notes that upon allowance of the linking claims, the claims of Group II will be subject to rejoinder. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the nonelected claims in one or more divisional applications. Further, Applicant respectfully submits

that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits an early notification thereof.

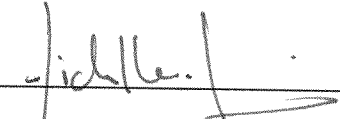
The time for response to the Office Action is set to expire as of October 28, 2006. Therefore, with the granting of the accompanying petition for a one-month extension of time, Applicant believes that this response is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-2350.

Respectfully submitted,

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